

A RESOLUTION

03-R-2150

BY COUNCIL MEMBER CARLA SMITH



**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTING A REQUEST TO THE 2004 GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO AMEND THE GEORGIA STATE CODE ALLOWING COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN THE STATE OF GEORGIA TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR HOUSING CODE VIOLATIONS IN HISTORIC PRESERVATION DISTRICTS FROM \$1,000.00 PER VIOLATION TO \$5,000.00 PER VIOLATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, housing code violation is a problem afflicting certain communities in the City of Atlanta; and

**WHEREAS**, structures that are in violation of the City Housing Code constitute a threat to public health and safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Atlanta prides itself on preserving the beauty of historic houses in the Historic Preservation Districts; and

**WHEREAS**, the current maximum fines of \$1,000.00 do not adequately deter housing code violations especially in the Historic Preservation Districts.

**NOW BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA**, hereby requests that the Georgia State Legislature, during its 2004 Session, to amend the Georgia Code Annotated to allow counties and municipalities to increase the maximum fines for housing code violations in the Historic Preservation Districts from \$1,000.00 per violation to \$5,000.00 per violation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution be made a part of the City's 2004 Legislative Package.